

REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action deems claims 10, 12, 13 and 15-17 as being allowable if rewritten in independent format to include the limitations of the base claim(s) on which they depend.

Accordingly, claims 10, 12 and 13 are rewritten in independent format to include the features of claims 9 and 1 on which they depend. Claims 15 and 16 are rewritten in independent format to include the features of claims 14 and 1 on which they depend. In addition, claim 11 is amended to depend on allowable claim 10, rather than claim 9. Further, original claim 17 depends on claim 16, which is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of claims 10, 12, 13 and 15-17 is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102

The Office Action rejects claims 1-9, 11, 14 and 18-22 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,434,619 of Lin.

As indicated in the listing of claims above, claims 1-9 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in future continuing applications. In addition, claim 11 is amended to depend on allowable claim 10, rather than claim 9. Moreover, claims 14 and 18-22 are canceled without prejudice in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application. Thus, the 102 rejections are moot and will not be discussed any further.

New Claims


New claims 23-28 depend on allowable claim 10, and add the subject matter of original claims 2-8 (now canceled) to claim 10. Hence, similar to claim 10, these claims are also in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application. Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned at (617) 439-2514 if there are any additional issues.

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